

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE MIRI AREA (SARAWAK), MALAYSIA

LOCATION: Sarawak is located on the northwest coast of the large island of Borneo, and includes most of the Malaysian portion of that island. Miri is a major commercial city at the northeastern corner of Sarawak. The city is situated on the Miri River, near its mouth on the South China Sea. The city sits on a narrow river plain, between the river and a range of scrubby low hills. Elevations are close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:54	11:59	12:06	12:13	12:19	12:23	12:21	12:16	12:09	12:02	11:56	11:53
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:30	6:08	6:30	7:11	7:03	6:49	6:51	6:30	6:08	5:55	6:16	5:58
AREA OF BLUE SKY	30%	33%	35%	35%	35%	34%	34%	33%	30%	29%	30%	31%
LOW FOR MONTH	72°	71°	72°	72°	73°	72°	72°	72°	72°	72°	72°	72°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	73°	74°	74°	75°	75°	74°	74°	74°	74°	74°	74°	74°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	86°	86°	87°	88°	89°	88°	88°	88°	88°	87°	86°	87°
HIGH FOR MONTH	91°	91°	92°	93°	93°	93°	92°	93°	93°	90°	91°	91°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	1%	3%	8%	12%	19%	22%	14%	15%	10%	4%	2%	2%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	75%	74%	72%	72%	72%	71%	70%	70%	71%	72%	75%	75%
NEARBY WATERS	80°	80°	81°	83°	84°	85°	84°	84°	84°	84°	83°	81°
DRY DAYS	47%	58%	62%	52%	51%	58%	54%	59%	44%	41%	33%	38%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	49%	68%	73%	66%	66%	66%	64%	67%	56%	52%	44%	46%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.91	1.13	0.95	1.22	1.26	1.50	1.30	1.36	1.78	2.09	2.27	2.18
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	12%	10%	20%	29%	31%	21%	22%	19%	27%	24%	19%	18%
FOGGY DAYS	3%	4%	9%	6%	0%	1%	1%	4%	4%	0%	1%	2%

COMMENTS: The area has a Rainy Tropics climate. There are (more or less) four seasons. These are based entirely on the rainfall pattern, since there are negligible differences in either the length of the daylight period or in the temperatures from one month to the next. Rainfall is abundant (to say the least) in every month, with a minor peak in Jun and a major peak in November and December. The two periods of lesser rain occur in March and June. Daily humidities are high in the middle of the afternoon, and approach saturation at night. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) in the afternoons are about seven degrees higher than the actual ones. At night, nothing dries. Clothes hung out to dry at dusk will be even wetter at dawn. Rainfall occurs as a series of brief but intense showers, often continuing on into the night. The dry spells in between the showers are actually longer than the rainy ones, but almost as humid. The weather on any given day could just as easily occur on any other day of the year.